

APPELLATE COURT MUSEUM TO BE DEDICATED

It would be an understatement to say that the role of appellate courts in Texas is the most misunderstood cog in the wheel of the Texas judicial system. A group of individuals saw the need to rectify that void and began to explore the possibility that the goal could be achieved through a medium such as an historical museum. Those original individuals asked others throughout the State to join together to bring this project to fruition. In an effort to shed light upon the function of the Texas appellate courts, those individuals formed a foundation with two goals in mind. First, to better explain, through artifacts and exhibits, exactly what appellate courts in Texas are and do. Secondly, to honor an outstanding jurist who served the system so admirably for many years, former Chief Justice Austin McCloud.

The board of the Austin McCloud Appellate Court Museum foundation is pleased to announce that what began as a dream just a few years ago has now been realized. The grand opening and dedication of the Austin McCloud Appellate Court Museum will be held on Thursday, June 29, 2017, at 11:00 a.m. in Eastland at the museum's home: the original courthouse for Eastland County. Please mark your calendars for this historical event, the opening and dedication of the only appellate court museum in Texas. The day will begin with an oral argument to be held at 10:00 a.m. on the second floor of the museum in a replica of the original Eleventh Court of Appeals Courtroom. Come and see the artifacts and exhibits through which the appellate courts are explained and Judge McCloud is honored as the namesake of the museum.

A reception will be held after the dedication. If you will be attending this dedication and reception, please RSVP to sherry.williamson@txcourts.gov.